

# THE BELL RINGER



April Flyer

April 19, 1995

## Field Dedicated to Coaches Bennett & Forehand

by Mr. Weaver

The dedication of the Bennett-Forehand Field on April 1st celebrated the commitment of two great men, Athletic Director John Bennett and the late Fred Forehand, to MBA.

Coach Bennett has invested thirty-six years of his life in teaching. During eleven of those years, he served our school as head baseball coach, and was District Coach of the Year in 1986. He is one of the greatest examples anywhere of helping young men become better ball players and better people. As was typical of him, he wanted to share his honor with his players. Fred Forehand won numerous honors also during his long baseball career. He was District Coach of the Year at MBA in 1991 and 1992, and in 1993 was named State AAA Coach of the year as our team won the State Championship. It was a culmination of a lifetime of helping young men become better ball players and better people, and it was typical of

him that he wanted to share his honor with his players.

MBA is very proud of John Bennett and Fred Forehand and is pleased that their contributions to MBA are now permanently recognized with the naming of the field.

Big Red Crushed Alumni after Dedication - A. Williams & M. Pettus

A large crowd was on hand for the annual Varsity vs. Alumni baseball game, a unique rivalry made more special this year by the preceding dedication of the baseball field in honor of Mr. John Bennett and in memory of Coach Fred Forehand, two men who deserve

much of the credit for making the MBA baseball program one of the strongest and most consistent in the state. Mr. Bennett and Linda Forehand, having been presented with a framed and engraved picture of the 1993 State Championship team and having made a

few remarks about the occasion, got the game started by simultaneously throwing the first pitches to two different catchers. With the same old familiar faces playing for the Alumni, the varsity felt confident that they could pull out a victory, despite their career record of 1 and 5 against their predecessors. The varsity proved their superiority for the second year in a row, with many of the seniors hoping to see their names on the Alumni roster next year. The game was a great success, considering that no Alumnus was admittedly injured. The 1995 Big Red Baseball Team had certainly earned the victory with hard work during the preseason, playing eleven games and winning ten, including a 6 and 1 record during the Spring Break trip to Cocoa Beach. The pitching of Franklin Jarman, Steven Bess, Dave Sifford, Tony Greer, John Sexton, and rookie Duke Rose, combined with strong offensive performances, made this



Mr. Gioia recognizes Mrs. Forehand and Mr. Bennett at the Dedication

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## Prom Preview - by T. Eddie

Well it is spring on the old MBA campus and our thoughts are quickly turning to two things: the idleness of the young love and the Junior-Senior prom (sometimes the two don't go together). For those of you who are thinking idleness of young love, you make me sick. Anyway while Mr. Womack was off filling his Prozac prescription (it's how he stays so chipper), the Junior class with the

invaluable help of the class sponsors has been getting together a prom; and during the next two weeks we will be undertaking the Herculean task of transforming the gym into a little bit of the past.

On April 22, after the senior dinner at the University Club downtown, the 1920's will return to the MBA campus. Ah, the age when we were too rich for our own good, jazz and Ant-

Dead were all the rage, and when the tommy gun ruled the streets. After the presentation of the seniors, we will thrill to the sounds of "Call of the Wild," and dance the night away to a mean polka beat (just kidding).

So, if over the next few weeks the entire junior class seems to go a little crazy, now you know why. Always remember: Knowing is half the battle!

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success possible, and the Big Red began their schedule with near mid-season form. MBA got an early chance to prove themselves against a strong Goodpasture team which had finished second in the state the year before, and won a gut-wrencher 5 runs to 4. The team next faced the Hillsboro Burros in their first district game, a "must win." The Big Red won convincingly 21 to 3, with stellar hitting

across the board. Brentwood High hoped to ruin MBA's early success, but were defeated 5 to 3. In its final game before its thrashing of the Alumni, the team also defeated Pearl Cohn. The Big Red seemed intent on extending this winning streak, with victories in the following weeks over Father Ryan and Smyrna, giving them a perfect 6 and 0 record and a great head start on yet another successful year.

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